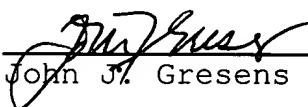


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OTTESEN ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/035,624
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Docket: RO995043XB
10790.42USC1
Title: MULTIMEDIA DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE DEVICE AND FORMATTING METHOD

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 2, 1999.


John J. Gresens

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

John J. Gresens, the attorney signing below on behalf of all attorneys identified by name in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed and submitted with the application herein, respectfully requests permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 C.F.R.S 1.36.

1. The mailing address of the Applicant is:

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Please change the correspondence address accordingly.

2. The reasons for our request are as follows:

A. The correspondence addressed to the Undersigned and dated January 29, 1999 and attached hereto.

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3. This case is pending before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. There are no actions outstanding from the U.S.P.T.O. and there is no response due. This application is being transferred to new counsel pursuant to the attached letter the same day that this paper is filed with the U.S.P.T.O.

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client. A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

5. This request is enclosed in triplicate. A copy of this request is being forwarded to the client.

There are no outstanding actions in this matter. Therefore the Applicant has the necessary time to act.

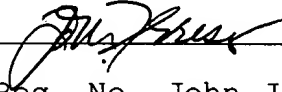
SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY

6. Signature of the attorney withdrawing:

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Subject: Representation of IBM Rochester in patent matters

Dear John:

The decision of the Merchant & Gould law firm to represent Seagate requires IBM Rochester Intellectual Property Law to request that your firm discontinue its involvement in certain matters.

IBM Rochester Intellectual Property Law hereby transfers responsibility for the following matters identified by our IBM docket numbers and USPTO serial numbers:

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RO994009	346,689	RO997009	915,227
RO995017B	082,066	RO997040	914,662
RO995043XB	035,624	RO997157	990,585
RO995080	581,877	RO997158	962,627
RO995082B	095,258	RO998116	143,718
RO995082C	095,035	RO998117	144,165
RO995083LB	888,992	RO998136	213,038
RO995108B	059,549	RO998246	Not yet filed

currently handled on its behalf by the law firm of Merchant & Gould, to the law firm of Meuting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A., effective immediately. The law firm of Merchant & Gould is relieved of the responsibility and authority for all further action on these matters as of the date of this letter, and is hereby requested to withdraw from those applications.

Please transfer the above-identified files to the law firm of Meuting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A., as soon as possible.

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John Gresens
January 29, 1999

Further, IBM Rochester Intellectual Property Law hereby returns responsibility for the following matters identified by our IBM docket numbers and USPTO serial numbers:

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JA995012	623,943	RO995002A	407,780
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JA995034	634,337	RO995009	507,034
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currently handled on its behalf by the law firm of Merchant & Gould, to the IBM Rochester Intellectual Property Law Department effective immediately. The law firm of Merchant & Gould is relieved of the responsibility and authority for all further action on these matters as of the date of this letter, and is hereby requested to withdraw from those applications.

Please transfer the above-identified files to the IBM Rochester Intellectual Property Law Department, as soon as possible.

Thank you for your past assistance in protecting IBM's intellectual property, and good luck in your future endeavours.

Cordially,



Pryor A. Garnett
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cc: Mark Hollingsworth, Meuting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A.

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Re: IBM File Transfer

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

We now forward the remaining files referenced in Pryor Garnett's January 29, 1999 correspondence to your firm. The correspondence address has been changed to IBM and I assume you will look to IBM counsel in Rochester for the appropriate Power of Attorney and instructions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John J. Gresens

Enclosures: See Attachment
Docket Report

cc: Pryor A. Garnett

Mr. Mark Hollingsworth
March 1, 1999
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